

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

--The present invention thus has for its object a device for protection against voltage surges in an electric power supply line, characterized in that it comprises at least two elements, namely at least a Zener diode lightning arrestor of the fast-blow in short circuit type (the arrestor forms a short circuit when the arrestor has blown), and a varistor, whose terminals are common and which are arranged in parallel, one of the terminals common to these two elements being connected to the line to be protected, and the other common terminal being connected to earth or to a common conductor element.--